



STINGER SPORTS

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STINGERS STOPPED BY BLUES

The Concordia University Stingers were stopped short of their goal of winning the C.I.A.U. National Hockey Championship this past week-end, when they were dumped 9-1 by the Nation's top-ranked team, the University of Toronto Varsity Blues. Toronto capitalized on two Concordia penalties early in the first period to grab a quick two goal lead, and the Stingers never recovered. The Blues upped the count to 3-0 before the end of the first frame, and had an 8-0 advantage before Frank Morris fired home Gilles Hébert's rebound at 1:57 of the third. The win gave the Blues their 10th National Title since the event was begun in 1962-63.

Toronto had little trouble gaining the final after toying with host Trois-Rivieres 8-3 on Friday and 6-1 on Saturday. The Stingers, on the other hand, were extended to the limit by the second-ranked University of Alberta Golden Bears. The teams battled to a 2-2 tie in the Friday game, and then skated to a 3-3 saw-off the next day. The series was decided in the 10 minute mini-game that followed with Concordia winning 2-0 on goals by Mark Kosturik and Brent Cater...Cater's being scored into an empty net.

Concordia coach Paul Arsenault said the two early goals hurt, but refused to use the tough games against Alberta as an excuse. Instead, Arsenault praised the Blues saying "we lost to a better team. They (the Blues) play every aspect of the game well and they took full advantage of our mistakes."

Blues coach Mike Keenan, who last season guided the Rochester Americans to the American Hockey League Championship (The Calder Cup) concurred with Arsenault's assessment of the importance of the two early goals. "Our early lead forced them to open up. We didn't give them the opportunity to get into the game. We knew if we could get ahead, that we could win."

Hébert sets record

Stinger centre Gilles Hébert, who was selected as a tournament All-Star, closed out his five year career at Concordia by becoming the all-time leading scorer in the school's history.

Hébert entered the tournament needing four points to tie the mark that had been set by Randy Mohns. Hébert picked up a goal and an assist in the first Alberta game, added three points in the overtime encounter and assisted on the only Stinger goal in the Championship game, to finish with a career total of 253 points, two better than Mohns.

Also selected to the All-Tournament team was Concordia's Mark Kosturik, who played great hockey in all three games, and who scored the overtime goal that gave the Stingers their semi-final win. The other forward picked was Darren Boyko of Toronto. Paire Proft of Alberta and Mike Pelino of Toronto were selected on defence, and Alberta's Ken Hodge was the choice in goal. Andre Hidi of Toronto was the Tournament M.V.P.